Jobs to families of para-military forces and police force

2563. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of families of para-military forces and police forces, have yet to receive their compensation from Central Government in the form of jobs promised that have been pending for over a year as on 1st April, 2008; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, force-wise and what steps are being taken to address the grievances of such families so that they do not feel that the country has let them down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) According to available information, no such promise has been made by the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Repairing flood damaged Martin-Tiniali Road in Assam

2564. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that main road from Martin-Tiniali to Maralchuk (3 Kms. road) has near about 20 numbers of Beaches which are still under unrepaired conditions;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to complete the construction of such flood damaged road; and

(c) whether Government assures that the work of rehabilitation including the flood damaged project will be completed before the coming rainy season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Assam, there is no road damaged by the name of "Martin-Tiniali to Maralchuk. However there is a segment of a road named "Mainapara to Maralchuk" contained in a longer stretch of a road called "Mainapara to Khalihamari road *via* Bordoloni" in Dhemaji District of Assam, which has been damaged during the floods of 2007.

The State Governments are required to undertake relief operations including repair of damaged infrastructure of immediate nature out of the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is contributed by Government of India and the State Governments in the ratio of 3:1. Central share is released in two equal installments. The State Level Committee has been authorized to operate CRF in accordance with the items and norms of assistance approved by the Government of India for the notified natural calamities including flood. Additional assistance is also provided in the wake of calamity of severe nature from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) after following the laid down procedure. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic and financial support.

The State of Assam has been allocated an amount of Rs. 204.48 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 153.36 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 51.12 crore as State contribution. The both instalments of Central share of CRF amounting

to Rs. 76.68 crore each have been released to the State Government on 31st July 2007 and 4th February 2008 respectively.

Clemency to convicted persons

2565. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Supreme Court had questioned the right of clemency being granted to certain convicted people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently Government of Andhra Pradesh had released 1500 prisoners granting clemency;

(d) if so, whether any compensation to victims of these prisoners was worked out; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) Orders issued by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh on 7th August, 2007 for considering special remission to the life convicted prisoners and non-life convicted prisoners on the occasion of commemoration of 150 years of First War of Independence were challenged in a Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 100 of 2007 in the Supreme Court. The Honourable Court initially stayed further action by the State Government but later permitted the State Government to continue the process of preparation of prisoners list meeting the parameters laid down in the Government Orders. The Court subsequently vacated the stay granted by it in respect of non-life convicted prisoners but the stay on the life convicted prisoners continues.

(c) According to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, no prisoner has been released.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Reconstruction of damaged infrastructure due to natural disasters

2566. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that CRF/NCCF provisions do not take into account permanent reconstruction, drought proofing and mitigation requirement in infrastructure sectors damaged in natural disasters and the entire burden is to be borne by State Government;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide financial assistance to State Governments to rehabilitate and reconstruct the damaged infrastructure; and

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to create a new financing mechanism for the reconstruction of public infrastructure assets damaged in natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) The present schemes for constitution and administration of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) based on the recommendation of 12th Finance Commission (2005—10) stipulate for providing financial